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**SUBJECT:** An Operational Estimate of the  
Seventh World Youth Festival,  
Vienna, 26 July - 4 August 1959  
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1. Attached for your information is an estimate of Communist capabilities, strategy and tactics in connection with the forthcoming Seventh World Youth Festival, to be held in Vienna 26 July - 4 August 1959.

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**Supplemental information which has been received during the processing of the study is also attached.**

**2. There is every evidence that the sponsors of the Festival intend to hold it in Vienna, whatever the opposition and obstacles. Intense opposition to the Festival, particularly by Austrian youth organizations, has been countered by a barrage of propaganda, letters and other publicity from the Festival organizers. Nevertheless, activity and preparations for the Festival appear to be less now than at a corresponding stage in preparations for the Sixth World Youth Festival.**

**3. This time, however, the sponsors have tried to restrict the number of delegates to about 17,000 (or only about half the number who attended the Sixth Festival) while encouraging broad participation of young tourists, who would probably be able to attend all activities except those in which some type of discussion or "comments from the floor" could occur. In this way, the sponsors hope to ensure that the general "mass character" of the Festival will compare favorably with previous Festivals without jeopardizing the over-all security and cadre control. Security measures are designed to screen out potentially disruptive elements and maintain tight control over the Festival. A special committee will also function during the Festival whose only function will be to prevent or neutralize, wherever possible, any anti-Festival activity and propaganda.**

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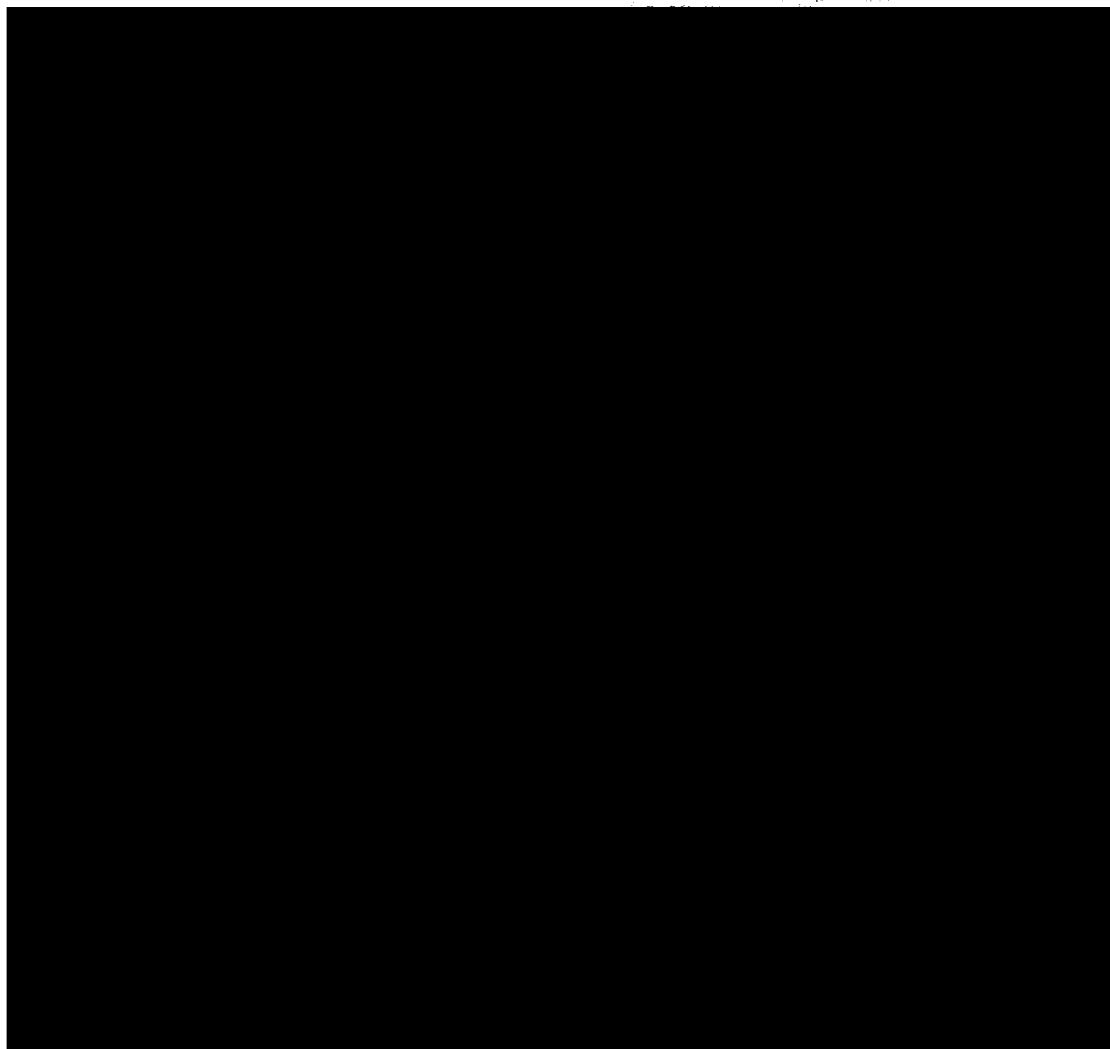
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4. The study is being distributed to other members of the intelligence community.

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